



DCR Celebrates National Preservation Month

For over 25 years DCR has sought proposals from outside parties with the unique skills, resources and vision to reverse the decline of some of the state's most unique historic properties and bring them back to life with our Historic Curatorship Program. The program is a national model and has leveraged over \$24 million of outside investment towards the preservation of 24 historic buildings throughout the Commonwealth, for uses ranging from residential to commercial to non-profit. May is National Preservation Month, and visitors are invited to enjoy programs that highlight DCR's efforts to preserve the Commonwealth's history.

Share your Preservation Month experiences on social media: @MassDCR #DCRpresmo #preservationmonth #ThisPlaceMatters.

Please find below a listing of guided programs.

Things to know before you go:

- Most programs are free. If admission is charged, information is in the program description.
- Some parks charge a parking fee. If so, information is in the program description.
- Dress for the weather by wearing sturdy spring footwear and dressing in layers for maximum comfort.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Carry drinking water and a snack.
- Rain may cancel; please call ahead to confirm.
- Reasonable accommodations are available; call in advance to inquire.

Central Region

Purgatory Chasm State Reservation, 198 Purgatory Road, Sutton MA

Time Traveler Tour

Fridays in May at 11 am - 12pm

Saturdays in May at 4 pm - 5 pm

Sundays in May at 3 pm - 4 pm

Take a step back in time! Get an introduction to this unique park as we walk among the historic structures and geological features, jumping around the park's history all the while. Meet at the Visitor Center. Suitable for ages 8 and above. Approximately one mile over easy terrain. Severe weather will cancel. Meet at Visitor Center. Contact Pat at [\(508\) 234-9610](tel:5082349610) for more information.

West Region

Mount Greylock State Reservation

30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough, MA

Sunday, May 21, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Family History in the Park - Free for ages 12 and older. Have you ever thought about your family history? Discover a few helpful tips about genealogy as we celebrate National Preservation Month at Mount Greylock. Join an expert genealogist from the Berkshire Family History Association (BFHA) for an informative slide show presentation on family history research. Learn basic techniques and suggestions to help discover more about *your* family tree! Presentation length 45 minutes.

Following this segment, a 1-hour trail tour features a walking narrative about the Bradley Family of Lanesborough, prominent early settlers at the base of Mount Greylock. Program co-sponsored by the BFHA. **Estimated program duration 2 hours. Meet at the Visitor Center.** Call [413-499-4262](tel:4134994262) for more information.

Mount Greylock State Reservation

30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough, MA

Saturday, May 27, 1:00pm and 2:00pm

Parkitecture, building into the landscape – Come discover the planned “Parkitecture” of historic Bascom Lodge. This charming structure, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, was designed to fit within the landscape on the highest point in Massachusetts. Bascom Lodge offers a superior example of this rustic architectural style from the golden age of public park development. Today, the lodge is a demonstration of preservation success through DCR's Historic Curatorship Program, enabling future generations to enjoy mountain-top amenities. All ages are welcome. Tour route is wheelchair accessible. Estimated hike duration 30 minutes. Meet at the summit. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Parking fee may apply. Call [413-499-4262](tel:4134994262) for more information.

Mount Greylock State Reservation, 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough, MA

Saturday, May 27, 6:00-7:00pm

90th Anniversary of the C.C.C.: A Presentation by Author and Historian Marty Podskoch

On April 5, 1933, with a stroke of his pen, Franklin Roosevelt established, by executive order, the Civilian Conservation Corps. The CCC was part of his New Deal legislation,

combating high unemployment during the great depression by putting hundreds of thousands of young men to work on environmental conservation projects. Come learn about Camp Roosevelt, the first CCC camp in the nation and hear about Bascom Lodge's history with the CCC. Program is one hour. Dinner is served at Bascom lodge at 7pm. For more information and for dinner pricing, please visit [here](#).

Mount Greylock State Reservation
30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough, MA
Sunday, May 28, 1:00pm and 2:00pm
Monday, May 29, 1:00pm and 2:00pm

A Tower of Remembrance – This Memorial Day Weekend come explore the story of Mount Greylock's historic Massachusetts Veterans War Memorial Tower, the Commonwealth's tribute to the men and women who gave their lives in the service of their country. Discover the story behind this 93-foot tall, majestic monument, crowned with a beacon light that can be seen for miles! The tour also highlights \$2 million restoration efforts, featuring upgrades, energy conservation and new visitor amenities. Estimated tour duration is 20 minutes. Meet at the summit by the War Memorial Tower. Wheelchair accessible. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Parking fee may apply. Call [413-499-4262](tel:413-499-4262) for more information.